

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (previously presented): A profiled cover for floor coverings made from an extruded profile in accordance with Claim 9, wherein the compensating strip has the basic form of an angle section with two legs, the leg with the tongue being adjacent to an underside of the covering flange of the profiled cover and the other forming an extension of the profiled cover extending downward.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A profiled cover for floor coverings made from an extruded profile in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the compensating strip is provided with at least one supporting leg projecting from leg with the tongue.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A profiled cover for floor coverings made from an extruded profile in accordance with Claim

3, wherein the supporting leg of the compensating strip forms a coupling projection for connection to the fixture for the profiled cover.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A profiled cover for floor coverings made from an extruded profile in accordance with Claim 9, wherein the compensating strip is provided with a peripheral projection on the leg adjacent to the covering flange to serve as a retaining lug, said projection engaging in a longitudinal groove serving as a retaining recess on an underside of the covering flange or on the side of the clamping web of the profiled cover facing the compensating strip, forming a pivot axis for the compensating strip.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A profiled cover for floor coverings made from an extruded profile in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the leg of the compensating strip adjacent to the covering flange is provided with an adhesive surface on the side facing the covering flange.

Claim 7 (currently amended): Method for the production of a profiled cover and at least one compensating strip for a covering device for floor coverings in accordance with Claim 9, wherein

firstly the extruded profile is produced, the cross-section of which consists of the cross-sections of the profiled cover and at least one compensating strip, with said strip being connected to the subsequent profiled cover by means of a connecting land serving as a spacer, and then the compensating strip is separated from the profiled cover with a separating cut through the connecting land;

wherein the profiled cover produced is suitable without said at least one compensating strip to be employed between two floor coverings having the same height; and

wherein the profiled cover has a covering flange and at least one clamping web protruding downward from the covering flange, extending in a longitudinal direction of the profiled cover and fastening the profiled cover to a fixture, the covering flange having on both sides of the at least one clamping web a contact surface for areal support on a floor cover segment.

Claim 8 (previously presented): Method in accordance with Claim 7, wherein the connecting land forms a transition surface joining the visible surfaces of the profiled cover and the compensating strip, the transition surface being coated together with the visible surfaces of the profiled cover and the compensating strip, before the connecting land is severed.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A profiled cover made of an extruded profile for floor coverings, which comprises a covering flange; at least one clamping web protruding downward from the covering flange, extending in a longitudinal direction of the profiled cover and fastening the profiled cover to a fixture; a compensating strip fastened to the covering flange; and a form-fitting tongue and groove joint fastening the compensating strip to the covering flange, the tongue and groove joint being comprised of at least one longitudinal groove in an underside of the covering flange for retaining a tongue projecting into the groove from the compensating strip, the section of the covering flange in which the groove is located being supported flat over the floor coverings they cover;

wherein the profiled cover is suitable without said compensating strip to be employed between two floor coverings having the same height; and

wherein the covering flange on both sides of the at least one clamping web has a contact surface for areal support on a floor cover segment.